



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 8**

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**CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY**

**RIGHT OF ENTRY TO PREMISES:**

The Property Owner (the Grantor) consents to and authorizes the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and its authorized representatives and their contractors collectively the Grantee, to enter and perform certain environmental sampling activities upon the following premises:

**Owner's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Covered By this Agreement:** (See attached list of properties/mine claims)

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**PURPOSE OF RESPONSE ACTIVITIES:**

The EPA is requesting access to collect water quality, sediment, and aquatic insect samples and flow measurements from the Animas River and tributaries at your property. The sampling activities may include any of the following:

- Access the sample locations by foot to collected water samples, sediment samples and flow measurements.
- Conduct sampling events during the high flow period (spring runoff) and in the low flow period (fall/winter) to collect samples and flow measurements.
- Placement of an automated sampling device called a "mini-sipper", at a select few locations, to collect continuous water samples and store them in the device for a period of weeks or months. Retrieval of the "mini-sipper" device and collected samples once the sampling period is completed.
- Collect aquatic insects by placing a net in the river to capture insects floating downstream.
- Portions of the main stem of the Animas River may have fish collection events in cooperation with Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CWP).

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE ACTIVITIES:**

By signing this Access Agreement, the Property Owner is granting EPA, its employees and their contractors, and representatives including the United States Geological Survey (USGS), United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDHPE) and the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety (CDRMS) the right to enter the property, at all reasonable times and with prior notice, for the sole purpose of conducting the sampling described above. This consent for access shall remain in effect for a period of [5] years from the date of signature of this agreement.

## AGREEMENT NOT TO INTERFERE

The Property Owner agrees to not interfere or tamper with any of the water quality and sediment sampling activities, or the equipment used to perform the sampling activities.

This written permission is given voluntarily with knowledge of the right to refuse and without compulsion or promises of any kind. The Property Owner understands that if there is any damage by the work conducted by EPA or their authorized representatives, contractors, or sub-contractors then EPA or authorized representatives, contractors or sub-contractors shall repair such damage to the extent practicable.

**I grant access to my property(s)**

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<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b> _____	
<b>Email Address:</b> _____	
<b>Daytime Phone No.</b> _____	

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After signing, please return to:

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